Open Letter To Cardinal Meyer

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to overcome bias against the Talmudic Jewish teaching that Christ was a demon-possessed fool, guilty of the most obscene acts; whose Mother was a whore and adultress, "Miriam, a hairdresser who mated with a carpenter;" that His Name should be reviled on every occasion unless there is danger of exposing Talmudic Judaism to retaliation; that He deserved five sadistic deaths? I cannot reconcile myself to His being "sunken in dung to the armpits" and strangled; "sunken in dung to the armpits" and boiling lead poured down His pried open mouth; His being stoned to death, decapitated, and crucified as a "blasphemer" of Pharisaic Judaism—which He certainly was.

Nor can I feel that the Jewish Talmudic teaching that Christ is in eternal hell "under boiling semen" and that all His Christian followers are consigned to everlasting hell "under boiling excrement," is conducive to Brotherhood with Christians.

It would be wonderful if you could persuade some of those top Rabbis in the Conference to cease the recitation of the Shemoneh Esreh, or "18 benedictions" three times daily, four on sabbaths and holidays, the 7th and 12th being curses against the Christians.

Best of all would be your accomplishment if you could convince your Rabbinical associates in the Conference to discard the basic overall doctrine of their Pharisaic Talmudic Jewish religion, that most biased doctrine, that all non-Pharisees rank as non-human animals without human rights: "the people who are like an ass—slaves who are considered the property of the master" (the Pharisee), as Kethuboth Illa and passages thruout the Babylonian Talmud emphasize. Hence the Talmudic doctrines that non-Jews may be cheated, killed, enslaved.

The resentment caused down the centuries against such teachings and against such rituals as the Shemoneh Esreh; the Alenu, etc. are mirrored in the terrific anti-Jewish Bulls of the Popes and their burning of the Talmud. For, according to the Jewish Ency. (1905) after 70 AD the only form of Judaism which remained and exists today is Pharisaism.

Christ's diatribes against Pharisaism fill Matthew 23.

John 8:37-44 is unsurpassable for fiery denunciation. He denounces them for: "Making the word of God of none effect thru your Tradition" (Mark 7:13). And that Tradition put into written form (500 AD, at Sura, Babylonia) is the Babylonian Talmud of today.

Do you think the Popes have been wrong?

If Christ was wrong in denouncing the Pharisee religion, the Judaism of today, then perhaps the Popes also were wrong in their Papal Bulls, such as those of Pope Gregory I (590-604); Pope John IV (640); Gregory III (637) and Pope Stephen IV (768); Pope Nicholas I (858-67); Pope Leo VII (936-9) who "advised the Archbishop of Mayence to expel the Jews if they refused to give up their religion despite his persuasion;" Pope Benedict VII (1021) who "had a number of Jews put to death on the ground of an alleged blasphemy against Jesus;" Pope Gregory VII (1078); Pope Urban II; Pope Alexander III (1159-81); Pope Celestine III (1191-98) who repeated the recommendation of the last Lateran Council, that "Christians must not be in the service of the Jews;" Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) who worked for the conversion of the Jews, but renewed the ban against trusting Jews with public offices and "introduced the sign on their garments (Jew badge) ... that the Jews should, like so many Cains, be held up as a warning example to Christians."

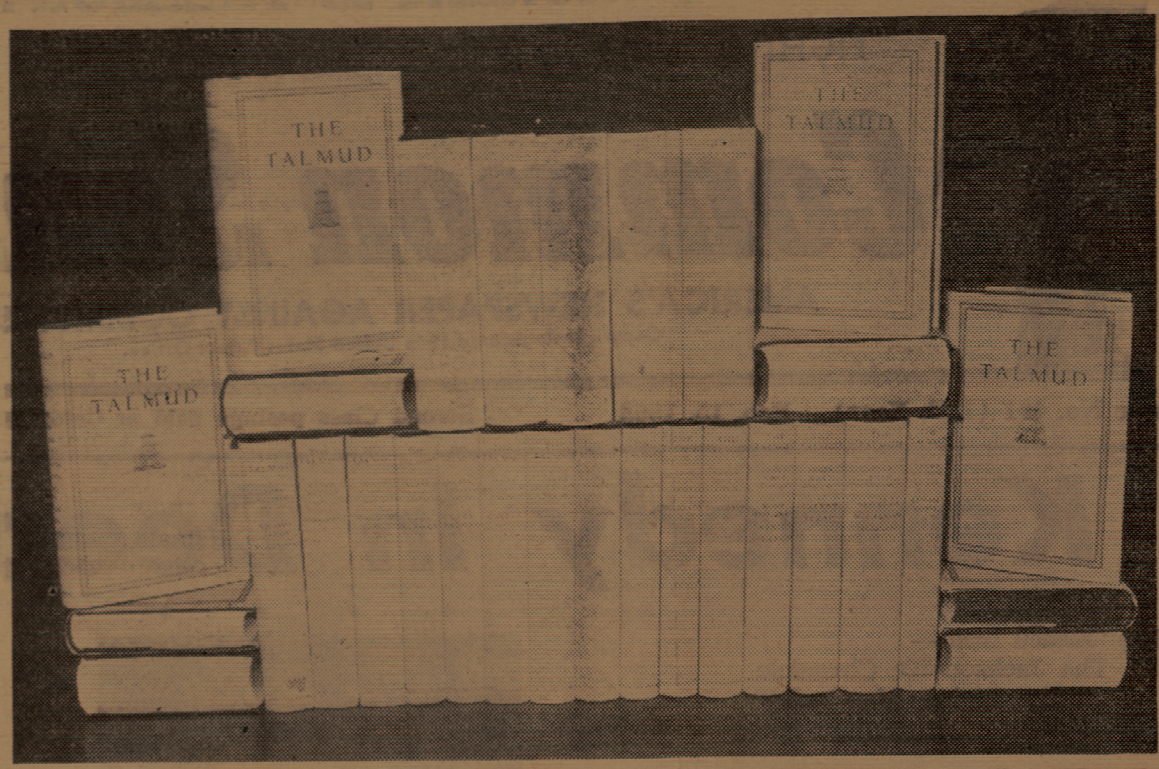
There was Pope Gregory IX (1227-41) whose inquiry into the blasphemies of the Talmud "led to the famous disputation of Paris (1240) and to the burning of many carloads of Talmuds (1242 and 1248);" Pope Innocent IV (1243-54) who "continued the attack on the Talmud (1244 and again in 1247) and caused a second confiscation in Paris;" Pope Alexander IV (1254 to 1261) who ordered the King of France and Duke of Burgundy to forbid the Talmud; Pope Urban IV (1261-4); Pope Clement IV who "urged the King of Aragon to seize and destroy all copies of the Talmud;" Pope Gregory X (1271-6) who repeated the Bull Turbato Corde which cautioned alertness to Jewish false representations of conversion which were used to help destroy the Church from within (as in all folds today); Pope Nicholas III (1277-80); Pope Martin IV (128I-5) who repeated the Bull Turbato Corde; Pope Honorius IV, whose Bull sent to England in 1286 "attacked the Talmud, cast doubts on Jewish moral life and asserted that the Jews daily cursed Christianity;" Pope Nicholas IV (1288-92) who "concerned himself with the same problem;" Pope Clement V (1305-14) who published a prohibition against Jews testifylng against Christians (due to knowledge, no doubt, of the Kol Nidre in which all vows and promises are nullified a year in advance); Pope John XXII (1316-34) who resumed the attack on the Talmud, expelled Jews and denounced the Cabalistic witchcraft of Pharisaism; Pope Benedict XII (1334-42) and Clement VI (1342-52) who continued the denunciation of mingling Jews and Christians and ordered Jews to wear identifying badges, as did Pope Urban V (1362-70).

There was also Pope Gregory XI (1370-78) "who refused to free the Jews from the district to which John XXII had limited their residence." He twice issued sharp reprimands to the Archbishop of Magdeburg, to the Bishop of Nuremberg, and to King Henry of Castille for showing favor to the Jews... showing particular favor to such as hated Christians (1372-1375).

Only a study of Jewish sources reveals the gloating extent to which Talmudism had penetrated the Church during the Medici reigns and their "renaissance" of Talmudism, its Cabala and the cult of paganism which resulted in splitting the Church. Then came the counter-Reformation and:

Pope Julius III (1550-55) who issued an edict demanding the burning of the Talmud and prohibited its printing by Christians. "In Rome a great many copies were publicly burned." Pope Paul IV (1555-59) whose Bull "Cum Nimis Absurdum" (July 12, 1555) renewed all the canonical restrictions against Jews and added more including confining them to a ghetto. Pope Pius V (1566-72) "renewed the laws of Paul IV;" he added to them and Feb. 26, 1569 he "decreed the expulsion of the Jews from his territory."

While Pope Gregory XIII allowed them to return, he introduced restrictions such as barring them from driving through the streets of the city, etc. (1584). Pope Clement VIII (1592-1605) enforced "every restriction on Jewish life... The Badge was enforced: the kosher pitiless slaughter of animals was denounced and the meat forbidden to Christians. He expelled the Jews from all of his dominions except Avignon, Rome and Ancona. Jewish books were confiscated and "burned in front of St. Peters on Jan. 14, 1601." Pope Paul V (1605-21) "ratified the restrictive edicts of his predecessors." Pope Urban VIII (1623-44) continued all the restrictions and made "new and stringent regulations for the Badge." Pope Clement X (1670-76) sanctioned the expulsion of Jews from Vienna," etc. Pope Clement IX (1667-69) had kept to the pattern. Pope Innocent XI (1676-89) fought "usury with a singlemindedness which threatened the life of the Jewish community." Pope Alexander VIII (1689-91), Pope Innocent XII (1691-1700), Pope Innocent XIII (1721-24), Pope Benedict XIII (1724-30) all renewed the hostile restrictions of Jewry, as did Pope Clement XII (1730-40) who "instituted an extensive confiscation on Jewish books, May 1731." Pope Benedict XIV (1740-58) also "ordered an invasion of the ghetto in order to confiscate forbidden Jewish books." Pope Pius VI (1775-99) renewed the anti-Jewish edicts with a severe one against the Talmud "and Cabalistic books." Pope Pius VI (1775-1800) "renewed all the restrictions enacted from the 13th century. Jews were required to wear the yellow badge within and without the ghetto." Pope Pius VII (1800-23) who at first "freed the Jews from many restrictions . . . after Napoleon's fall brought reaction (against his Jewish backers and who sent him to Elbe when he turned against them)." . . . when the same Pope returned from exile . . . the Jews of Rome were compelled to revert to their ghetto life of the previous era." Pope Leo XII (1823-29) "ordered the enforcement of all the hostile regulations revived by Pius VI . . . he enlarged



The **Jewish Encyclopedia** states concerning the **TALMUD:**

"For the majority of Jews, it is still the supreme authority in religion . . . It occupies a prominent place in the curricula of the Rabbinical Seminaries."

Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, Director of Interreligious Activities of The American Jewish Committee, stated in his article titled **"What Is a Jew"** published in **Look Magazine** for June 17, 1952:

"The Talmud consists of 63 books of legal, ethical and historical writings of the ancient rabbis. It was edited five centuries after the birth of Jesus. It is a compendium of law and lore. It is the legal code which forms the basis of Jewish religious law and it is the textbook used in the training of rabbis."

The Talmud has been condemned by Popes and religious leaders from the time of Christ to date.